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1. The State Security Service has arrested several prominent members of the National Democratic Party of Germany (NDPD), including Günther Mehnardt, main election leader for cultural policy, Dr. Erich Back, main section leader for legal questions, and Horst Dressler-Andress, a section leader for propaganda. The two latter are former Nazis in West Germany.
2. A basic reexamination of the NDPD party cadres has been undertaken by the party president, Dr. Lothar Bolz, in person, while the party finances will be reformed by deputy president Heinrich Homann. The NDPD has been more or less under the protection of the SED, and it is understood that the finances allotted to it will be limited.
3. The managerial group of the NDPD is to be dissolved, as the SED does not wish any managerial party groups to stand beside its own. NDPD party members are to be regrouped into small local organizations. These steps are viewed as indicating the gradual abolition of the party from within.

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